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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE THE STATE WATERS AND BEACH AND SHORELINE COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT PROCESSES FOR KAHALU'U BEACH PARK ON HAWAII ISLAND.

WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation) aims to preserve the State's natural and cultural resources while ensuring public access to state waters and enhancing the ocean experience; and

WHEREAS, one of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation's goals is to generate revenue in support of the Division's programs, operations, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation issues commercial use permits for activity in state ocean waters, among other revocable permits; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i manages the beach and shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach Park in North Kona, Hawai'i island, which has gray sand and a rocky shoreline; and

WHEREAS, commercial activity on the beach and shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach Park requires a permit from the County of Hawai'i Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, commercial activity in state waters near Kahalu'u Beach Park requires a permit from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the processes for issuing commercial use permits for state waters and the beach and shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach Park are incongruent and could be streamlined to be more efficient; and WHEREAS, cooperation between the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation and the County of Hawai'i can help improve and streamline the state waters and beach and shoreline commercial use permit processes for Kahalu'u Beach Park; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation is requested to collaborate with the County of Hawai'i to improve and streamline the state waters and beach and shoreline commercial use permit processes for Kahalu'u Beach Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation is requested to submit a report of its progress and recommendations on improving and streamlining the commercial use permit processes for the state waters and beach and shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach Park, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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